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## **Resurfacing to begin in Seward County**

Traffic changes are scheduled to start Monday, Aug. 15, along U.S. 83 from the Oklahoma/Kansas state line north to the U.S. 83/K-51 junction in Seward County.

U.S. 83 traffic will be reduced to one lane through the project area. Motorists should be aware of delays of up to 15 minutes as one-lane traffic will be directed by flaggers and a pilot car through the work zone. The lane reduction will be marked by signs and cones. When construction is not taking place, U.S. 83 will be open to normal traffic.

This project consists of four-inch milling of existing pavement, a four-inch base course of a hot mix of asphalt overlay on the driving lanes and a two-inch surface course. Centerline rumble strips will be installed on the center line and shoulders. New permanent pavement markings and rock edge wedge will be applied on the shoulder edge near the conclusion of the project. Drainage structures north of Liberal will be extended to allow for the addition of the northbound and southbound passing lanes approximately 3.5 miles north of Liberal.

The U.S. 83/Salley Road (Road 7) junction will be improved by lengthening the turning lanes with the addition of center turning lanes on U.S. 83. Access to U.S. 83 from Salley Road will be closed temporarily during this phase of the project. This phase in the project will not start until the end of spring of 2023.

J & R Sand Company of Liberal is the contractor on this \$20.2 million project, which is expected to be completed by the end of September 2023, weather permitting.

For more information on this project, contact Larry Meyer, Area Construction Manager, at (620) 384-7821, or Yazmin Moreno, KDOT District 6 Public Affairs Manager, at (620) 260-6397.

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